ANNUAL REPORT

On the Health of

HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT

1967

Report presented by
The Medical Officer of Health and The Senior Health Inspector
Hertford Rural District Council

HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1967

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HERTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967

P R E F A C E

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the health of your District for 1967.

Once again the health of the community remains at a very high level. The vital statistics compare favourably with previous years and with those for England and Wales. I am happy to report that the infant mortality rate was NIL as in 1966. Two stillbirths occurred.

Ten cases of scarlet fever and two of acute pneumonia were notified. In addition, 162 cases of measles were notified, but it is anticipated that the widespread use of prophylactic vaccine in 1968 will have a marked influence on the incidence of measles in 1969. The number of cases on the tuberculosis register remains at 44.

Examination of the Breakdown Analysis of Causes of Death shows that of the 12 deaths which occurred in males in the age group 35-55, one third were due to cancer of the lung. No one can be in any doubt of the relationship between this disease and cigarette smoking. The need for further propaganda amongst young people is evident. I am grateful to the Council for leave of absence in September to attend the World Conference on Smoking and Health in New York, where I read a paper on this subject.

Once again, I would like to place on record the ready assistance and helpful guidance given to me by the Senior Health Inspector, Mr. H. E. Gilby, and Deputy Health Inspector, Mr. J. Martindale, during the year. I am most grateful to them.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. de Bec Turtle,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Clerical duties in the Health Department were carried out by Mrs. I. M. Ball and Mrs. B. Boulton.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Public Health matters were dealt with by the General Purposes Committee the Chairman of which for the Session 1967/68 was Councillor, Mr. F. S. Beetham.

Sub-standard housing was dealt with by the Housing Committee, the Chairman of which for the Session 1967/68 was Councillor, Mr. F. J. Redman.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Hertford Rural District

Registrar General's Estimate	11,490	(11,150)
Total increase	340	

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 31,746

Number of inhabited houses according to rate books:-

3,621

Number of houses per acre - 0.11
Number of persons per acre - 0.36
Number of persons per house - 3.17

Rateable value of District - £437,988

Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £1,752

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	18.33	(18.43)
Area Comparability Factor for Births	1.06	(1.06)

Number of Live Births	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
TOTAL:	105	94	199
Legitimate	96	86	182
Illegitimate	9	8	17
Number of Still Births	2	-	2

DEATHS

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.39	(8.96)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	1.22	(1.22)

Number of Deaths	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
TOTAL:	43	45	88
Death of Infants under 1 year	-	-	-
Number under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-
Number under 1 week of age	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births:	Nil	(Nil)

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during 1967:-

Disease	Total All ages	Age Group in years					
		Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 60
Scarlet Fever	10	-	1	9	-	-	-
Measles	162	-	77	81	4	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia	2	-	-	-	-	1	1

Incidence of Diseases during the different months:

Diseases	Month and Number of Cases
Scarlet Fever	Jan. (1) Feb. (1) March (3) April (1) Oct. (3) Nov. (1)
Measles	Jan. (30) Feb. (45) March (31) April (11) May (18) June (11) July (7) Sept. (1) Oct. (2) Nov. (6)
Ac. Pneumonia	Feb. (1) May (1)

Incidence of Diseases amongst the different Parishes, during 1967:

Aston	Measles (3)	
Bayford	Measles (2)	
Bengeo Rural	Measles (9)	
Benington	Measles (37)	Scarlet Fever (1)
Bramfield	Measles (6)	
Brickendon	Measles (2)	
Datchworth	Measles (12)	
Hertingfordbury ..	Measles (3)	Ac. Pneumonia (1)
Little Amwell	Measles (9)	Ac. Pneumonia (1)
Little Berkhamsted ..	Measles (14)	
Sacombe	Measles (12)	
Stapleford	Measles (6)	
Tewin	Measles (26)	
Walkern	Nil	
Watton-at-Stone ..	Measles (21)	Scarlet Fever (9)

TUBERCULOSIS

The following is a summary of Tuberculosis Notifications, etc., during 1967

After taking into account deaths, new cases etc., the year commenced with 44 cases on the Register:-

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Males	23	2
Females	13	6
Inward Transfers from other areas:	-	-
Outward Transfers from other areas:	-	-
The year ended with 44 cases on the register, viz:-		
Males	23	2
Females	13	6

BREAKDOWN ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 wks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Other Circulatory Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
	F	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2

continued . . .

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	43	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	4	8	6	22
	F	45	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	5	7	28

SECTION B

The County Council is responsible for the following health and welfare services in respect of which full details may be obtained from the Health and Welfare Department, County Hall, Hertford (Tel: Hertford 4242).

A. HEALTH SERVICES

Clinics which serve Hertford Rural District

Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford

Ante Natal and Post Natal	-	Thursday 10.30 - 12.00 noon
Infant Welfare	-	Wednesday 1.45 - 4.0 p.m.
General Clinic for School Children	-	4th Tuesday in each month.
Dental and Orthodontic	-	By appointment, (Tel. Hertford 3259)
Speech Therapy	-	All day Friday.
Relaxation Classes - Mothercare	-	Monday 2.0 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. Application to Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford.

Sele Farm Clinic, Hollybush School, Hertford.

Infant Welfare	-	Fridays 2.0 - 4.0 p.m.

Transport is available from Waterford and Bramfield areas, Telephone Hertford 3711.

Village School, Hertford Heath

Infant Welfare	-	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

Village Hall, Datchworth

Infant Welfare	-	1st Tuesdays, 2.0 - 4.0 p.m.

New Pavilion, Watton-at-Stone

Infant Welfare	-	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

Parochial Hall, Benington

Infant Welfare	-	3rd Wednesday, 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Tewin

Infant Welfare	-	2nd Monday 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

Church Hall, Walkern

Infant Welfare - 1st Thursday, 2.30 - 4.0 p.m.

A Family Planning Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bowling Road, Ware, on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Immunisation and Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service which can be obtained from their family doctors or at any of the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations of the County Medical Officer:-

3 - 6 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
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1 - 2 years	SMALLPOX
18 - 21 months	COMBINED diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
School Entry	POLIOMYELITIS (ORAL)
School Entry	COMBINED Diphtheria, tetanus
8 - 12 years	SMALLPOX revaccination
11 years plus	TUBERCULOSIS (B.C.G.)

Care and After-Care

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Department has been established at the Health Centre, Bull Plain. Helpers are present for distribution of equipment on Mondays and Fridays at 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

A Cytology Clinic is held at the Clinic, Bull Plain, Hertford on 2nd and 4th Wednesday for all women. Telephone Monday and Wednesday mornings 9 - 12 a.m. Mrs. Scott, Hertford 3597.

Treatment for V.D. is available at the following centres

Bishop's Stortford

Herts & Essex General Hospital - Tuesday 9.0 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
(Males and Females)

Hitchin

Lister Hospital	- Tuesday 1.0 p.m. (Males and Females)

St. Albans

St. Albans City Hospital	- Tuesday 4.0 p.m. and Thursday 12.30 p.m. (Males and Females)

Watford

Shrodells Hospital	- Monday and Wednesday 4 - 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon. (Males and Females)

B. SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

(i) Homes for Old People

Application for admission to the County Council's Homes for old people needing care and attention should be addressed to the Divisional Welfare Officer, 1 Queens Road, Hertford (Tel. 3145)

(ii) Home Help

Application for this service should be made to the Home Help Organiser, Health Centre, Bull Plain, Hertford (Tel: 3232) Office hours 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. and 2.0 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. Charges vary according to financial circumstances; applicants being assessed in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

(iii) Chiropody Service

This service is confined to the elderly (males aged sixty-five years and over; females aged sixty years and over), the physically handicapped (those substantially and permanently handicapped) and the expectant mother. Such persons must also either be in receipt of supplementary benefit from the Ministry of Social Security. or be in similar financial circumstances. Application forms are obtainable from chiropodists, general practitioners, members of the County nursing staff and social work staff, and other persons connected with the care of the elderly and the physically handicapped. Applications should be submitted to the County Medical Officer. Eligible persons receive treatment without charge.

(iv) Old People's Welfare

There are several social clubs for the elderly in the district - The Hertford Evergreen Club is held in Bircherley Street on Monday and Friday afternoons from 3 - 6 p.m. The Parishes of Datchworth and Watton-at-Stone also have their old people's social clubs.

Old People's Welfare continued

The Secretary of the Hertfordshire Old People's Welfare Council, The Old Forge, Sawbridgework (Tel: 3278) will be pleased to furnish details of other clubs in the rural district.

(v) Meals on Wheels

At present hot meals are served in the Benington and Watton areas, there are organisers also at Aston and Cole Green, which can operate when the need arises. Enquires should be made to Mrs. Sewell, W.R.V.S., County Meals Organiser, 31 Maidenhead Street, Hertford (Tel. 3670).

(vi) Welfare Service for the general classes of the Handicapped and the deaf

Advise on the services available for the deaf and those persons who are permanently and substantially handicapped is obtainable from the Divisional Welfare Officer, 1 Queens Road, Hertford.

(vii) Welfare Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted

Information on this service may be had from the Blind Welfare Officer, 2 The Wash, Hertford (Tel. 3201)

(viii) Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a medical practitioner are made by a mental welfare officer, Social Work Unit, 1 Queens Road, Hertford (Tel. 3145).

Help for Mentally Subnormal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

The Training Centres are run daily - Monday to Friday - The adult centres are at Cranbourne Hall, Cecil Road, Hertford for females and at Christchurch Hall, Balfour Street, Hertford for males and close only for a week at Christmas and Whitsun and two weeks in midsummer. The Junior Centre is at St. Margaretsbury, Stanstead Abbots and is open during the ordinary school terms. A Club for the mentally subnormal is held at Morgans Walk School, Hertford - information can be obtained from Mr. R. Larman, Hon. Secretary Hertford Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, 25 Woodhall Close, Hertford.

S E C T I O N C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

REPORT OF THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1967

INTRODUCTION

Once again it is a pleasure to report the usual steady progress of improvement in the environmental health conditions for the area.

During the past few years, due no doubt to the progressive policies of the Council, the provision of main drainage facilities in the various Parishes have been in the forefront of all the improvements.

The year under review saw the completion of the work of sewering the Parish of Bayford, whilst the Parish of Sacombe was surveyed for main drainage. It is anticipated, that provided the Council receive approval from Central Government, work will shortly commence on this the last major sewerage scheme for the Rural District.

Details of all the work carried out by the Health Department will be found under their respective headings, and in the Table showing the Development of Undertakings and Services for the area.

WATER SUPPLIES:

Main water for the whole area is supplied by the Lee Valley Water Company, except for the Parish of Little Amwell, which is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board.

There are a few private wells in existence, these serve individual properties situated in the outlying districts.

The public supplies are regularly sampled both before and after entering the distributive system; the following information regarding sampling has been kindly supplied by the Water Undertakers:-

	Chemical Samples	Bacteriological Samples
Metropolitan Water Board	9	456
Lee Valley Water Board	17	419
Total:	26	875

WATER SUPPLIES continued

In addition to these samples, a further 15 were obtained for bacteriological examination from the public supplies by your own Health Department, together with 4 samples from a private supply in the area.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A satisfactory year can be recorded for the improvement of main drainage facilities for the District. In August, the Bayford Sewerage Scheme became operational and work went forward in persuading property owners to make use of these facilities.

The small sewage works which served 30 premises in this Parish, has now been abandoned and a start made on its demolition.

In some of the parishes which have been provided with main drainage, and owing to their situation in relation to the trunk sewers, it is necessary to provide pumping stations to lift the sewage into these sewers. There are 9 pumping stations in the Rural District and these are regularly inspected, three per week, and the necessary maintenance carried out as and when necessary.

Progress was made with owners in other Parishes to connect their premises wherever possible to the sewer and a total of 205 visits were made to supervise this work.

The following table indicates the percentage of houses in each Parish which are now connected to main drainage (as at December, 1967):-

Parish	No. of Houses	Houses connected in current year	Total houses connected	Percentage
Aston	234	23	179	76.5%
Bayford	141	47	77	54.6%
Bengeo Rural	157	-	125	79.6%
Benington	256	10	232	90.6%
Bramfield	91	1	76	83.5%
Brickendon	156	2	61	39.0%
Datchworth	465	9	420	90.3%
Hertingfordbury	244	9	205	84.0%
Little Amwell	431	18	408	96.9%
Little Berkhamsted	180	-	74	41.1%
Sacombe	77	-	-	-
Stapleford	206	1	186	90.2%
Tewin	413	7	331	80.1%
Walkern	295	10	221	74.9%
Watton-at-Stone	471	59	437	92.7%

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

By providing drainage to trunk sewers with disposal elsewhere, there are now only four sewage disposal works in the District, these serve the Parishes of Bengeo Rural, Bramfield, Brickendon and Little Berkhamsted, respectively.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS continued

All receive routine visits and the effluent produced comply with the Royal Commission Standard. During the year 6 samples of effluent were tested and found to be up to standard.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The year under review saw another step forward in this section of environmental hygiene. Having purchased a second hand refuse collection vehicle, it was decided to abandon the 10 day collection carried out by 2 vehicles and introduce a weekly collection with the additional vehicle.

A large amount of time and thought went into the planning of the rounds, estimating bonuses, etc., but it was time well spent, as on the change-over very few complaints of 'missed bins' were received in the office.

BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION

This service, provided for the householders of the District still continues to operate smoothly, records show that applications are on the increase. During the year, 227 requests were received, this being an increase of 31 over the previous year.

No charge is made to the householder, provided the bulky refuse is of a domestic nature, however, the Council do remove items which do not fall into this class of refuse and a suitable charge is made. The amount of revenue received from such charges during the year amounted to £99. 5. 0.

The district still suffers from indiscriminate dumping of rubbish on roadside verges, woods, etc., and wherever possible, if evidence of the persons responsible can be obtained, and such evidence can support a prosecution, proceedings are taken either under the Litter Act or the Hertfordshire County Council Act in the Magistrates Court.

During the year, 3 prosecutions of this nature were successful and total penalties amounting to £15 in fines and £10. 5. 0. in costs were made against the offenders.

DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERTAKINGS AND SERVICES

The following Table indicates the growth of the District and the increase in the demand for the Council's services

Service	31st March, 1952 Being Datum	30th Sept. 1967	
	Number	Number	Datum
Estimated Population	8,600	12,026	139.76
Houses in District	2,562	3,818	149.02
SEWERAGE			
Houses Connected	980	3,017	307.85
Staff Engaged	4.18	3.62	86.6
CESSPOOL EMPTYING			
Houses with cesspools	1,155	678	58.7
Loads of Sewage Removed	1,648	815	49.4
Staff Engaged	2.4	2.04	85.0
REFUSE COLLECTION			
Houses Served	2,552	3,813	149.52
Staff Engaged	3.27	6.80	207.95

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1967

Factories Act	14
Food and Drugs Act	
Food Premises	29
Housing Acts	
Inspections and interviews	20
Improvement Grants including revisits ..	149
Public Health Acts	
Caravan and Camping Grounds	2
Complaints	70
Refuse Collection	260
Sewerage	410
Water Supplies	30
Closet Conversions (including revisits) ..	20
Petroleum Acts	12
Rodent Control	35
Miscellaneous Visits	142

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Details of registration and licences in force and further particulars concerning other food premises are as follows:-

Ice Cream Premises

There are 32 premises registered for the sale of ice cream.
There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area.

Preserved Food

(a)	Sausage Manufacture	2
(b)	Other preserved food manufacturers ..	1

Food Premises by type of business

Bakery with shop	3
Butcher	3
Cafe	2
Greengrocery	1
Grocery and General	35
Canteen including school canteens	17
Public Houses	35
Mineral Water Factory	1
Cold Store (Salmon processing)	1

The inspection of food premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations continued to be made during the year and no special difficulties were encountered.

The salmon processing factory received regular visits and 9 export certificates were issued. Some major structural work and decorations were carried out at this factory to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

HOUSING ACTS

The Council's programme for dealing with unfit properties having been completed, more time can now be given to the repair and improvement of the substandard dwellings in the district.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

There was a slight reduction in the number of applications for improvement grants in 1967, the cause of this may be due to various factors, such as the rising price of building materials, the increase in labour charges or the need for a prospective applicant to cut back on his expenditure.

In common with the national trend, nearly all applications received are from owner/occupied property, very few being received from owners with tenanted houses.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

There was no increase in the number of applications for Discretionary Grants, only four being made, again all from owner/occupiers. The estimated cost for all the work relating to these applications amounted to £3,310.

Seven Discretionary Grants were completed and the total amount of money paid for these grants amounted to £2,800.

STANDARD GRANTS

There was a reduction in the number of applications for this type of grant, only fifteen applications being received and approved. The estimated cost of the work amounted to £3,010, and in six of the applications the increased grant was authorised for the construction of bathrooms or the provision of septic tank drainage.

Twenty three Standard Grants were completed and the total amount of grant money paid to the applicants amounted to £4,693.

SUBSTANDARD PROPERTY

The following Table indicates the progress with the demolition of unfit property:-

Demolition Orders made	1
Demolition Orders complied with	2
Houses demolished by agreement, etc.	1
Undertaking accepted for repair (Section 16)	nil

The total number of visits made in connection with Demolition Orders, repairs, Improvement Grants, etc., was 169.

HOUSING PROGRESS

The following Table shows the progress which has been made with new housing (as specified in the Housing Consolidated Regulations):-

	During 1967	Since 1945
BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE		
New dwellings erected:	75	913
Conversions or adaptions in terms of family units	1	42
BY LOCAL AUTHORITY		
New dwellings erected:	46	834
BY OTHER AUTHORITIES		
(County Council, Police, Forestry Commission, etc.)	Nil	12
TOTAL PROPERTIES CONTROLLED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY		
Council Houses	1,129	

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

The number of complaints received during 1967, amounted to 70, this being a slight increase over the preceding year. In no case was it found necessary to resort to taking statutory action to effect remedies, all were dealt with satisfactorily by informal letter.

Once again, the construction of the new sewerage systems in the various parishes, provided scope for action in converting pail closets and other substandard forms of sanitation to the water carriage system of drainage.

During the year negotiations were carried out with property owners, with the object of persuading them to accept a grant under Section 47 of the Public Health Act 1936 to convert existing pail closets to water closets. In all fifteen pail closets were abolished (including those with the aid of Improvement Grants) and a sum of £370 was paid in the form of closet conversion grants.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

An alteration in the administration of the duties under this Act, has been made since the issue of the previous Annual Report. In April, 1967, the Council agreed to the suggestion, that the work of rodent control could be carried out more advantageously by an outside contractor, thus allowing the Foreman, who dealt with this work to be able to devote more time to his other important duties.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949 continued

After investigating comparative costs, consultations were had with Messrs. Rentokil (Pest Control Division) Limited, and on the 1st April, 1967 they took over all complaints of rat and mouse infestation and pest complaints.

As the firm has contracts for rodent control work with business premises in the area, it is considered that the district is now well covered for dealing with complaints of this nature.

A total of 102 complaints were dealt with during the year and in addition, various other premises including the Council's sewage works, pumping stations, etc. were inspected and treated wherever necessary.

The following table sets our the types of premises visited and action taken:-

Premises	Number of Premises		Types of Infestation			
	Inspected	Serviced	Rats	Mice	Insects	Wasps Nests
Local Authority Properties	6	6	6	-	-	-
Council Dwellings	77	45	26	10	-	1
Private Dwellings	179	125	80	14	-	30
Agricultural Premises	9	9	9	-	-	-
Business Premises	27	21	21	21	21	-
TOTAL	298	206	142	45	21	31

In the middle of the year, it was brought to the attention of the Health Department, that a dog belonging to a resident in the Parish of Watton-at-Stone, had died suddenly. Though no clinical tests had been made on the animal, the casual agent might have been one of the Leptospiroses.

It was decided to request Messrs. Rentokil Ltd., to trap some live rats and have them examined ~~examined~~ at the Leptospirosis Division of the London School of Tropical Medicine for the presence of this organism, in order to ascertain as to what extent the rat population in the area was infected. The results are still awaited.

The sewers in the parish were also examined and pre-baited, and as some infestations were found orders were issued to have them treated.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Administration of the Act, 1967

During the year not as much progress was made in the administration of the Act as was anticipated, this being due to the pressure of work in other spheres on the officer responsible for these duties.

The year commenced with 27 registered premises and 6 inspections were made. A total of 3 premises were removed from the Register by reason of change of circumstances at the premises, or the firms closing down and leaving the district.

The following table shows contraventions found during inspections and those remedied after informal action:-

Section of Act		Contraventions Found	Contraventions Remedied
4	- Cleanliness	1	-
5	- Overcrowding	-	-
6 (4)	- Ventilation	1	-
9	- Sanitary Conveniences	-	1
10	- Washing Facilities	-	1
11	- Drinking Water	-	2
24	- First Aid	-	1
50	- Information for employees	1	3

There were no notifcations of accidents under Section 48 of the Act reported during the year.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	Persons Employed
Office	70
Retail shops	30
Wholesale	5
Catering Establishments	24
Canteens	6
Fuel Storage Depots	12
	147

Total Males 40
Total Females 107

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises (1)	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	14	-	..
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
	22	14	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperatures (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to out-work.	2	2	-	-	-
Total:	3	3	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORKERS

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August List required by Section 133(1)(e)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel) Making, etc., Cleaning and Washing	11	-	-	-	-	-
Gloves	7	-	-	-	-	-
Boxmaking (paper)	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	20	-	-	-	-	-